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In re the Application of.) Examiner: Nelson, A.
McBride, K., et al.)
Serial No. 08/984,099)
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For: COTTON FIBER TRANSCRIPTIONAL FACTORS) TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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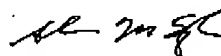
Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a response to the Office Action Summary mailed September 7, 2001, in the above-identified application.

Applicant hereby petitions for a THREE (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action Summary Notice in the above-identified application to extend the period of response from December 7, 2001 to March 7, 2002.

The Commissioner is further GENERALLY authorized to charge the extension of time fee, Notice of Appeal fee and any additional fee, with the exception of the Issue Fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4125.

Respectfully submitted,



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